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1. In the morning on 30 June 1954, the following vehicles, guns and soldiers, which came from the direction of Sagard and proceeded toward Glowe after about 0700, were seen on the road near Ruschwitz: 10 prime movers towing 100-mm AT guns, 12 six-wheel armored personnel carriers towing 82-mm AT guns, about 60 trucks and a total of about 400 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. A railroadman stated that, during the night of 29 June, three shipments were unloaded in Sagard. Similar columns were seen en route to the Glowe area prior to and including 4 July. The AT units were unloaded in Sagard and were quartered on either side of the road in the area between Ruschwitz and Juliusruh with the bulk of the units being stationed between Glowe and Juliusruh. At least 2,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were believed to be involved. At about 1900 on 6 July, about 20 trucks, towing 6 x 57-mm AT guns and were seen en route toward Glowe. They came from the Sagard freight station. The Juliusruh fishermen were not permitted to fish after 0500 on 5 July. No boats were allowed to operate on the sea and the Badden. Firing at a target which was towed by a tug boat between Arkona and Lohme started at 0700 on 5 July. Three rounds were fired at a time with 5-minute intervals. Firing positions changed continually. When the target was off Lohme, it was fired at by guns from the area of Spykersche See. When the target was off Arkona, it was fired at from the Juliusruh area. After about 90 minutes, firing was interrupted for about 45 minutes. During the exercise, the Glowe-Juliusruh and Glowe-Ruschwitz roads were blocked. They were open during the cessation of fire. Firing positions were located on either side of the road. There were an estimated 100 guns and emplacements. The road blocks at the south exit of Juliusruh, on either side of Glowe and at the road fork east of Ruschwitz were guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Communication between the sentries at the road blocks was maintained by telephone lines. No KVPs or VPs were employed in the security measures. Firing was still under way at 1800 on 6 July. No reports were heard during the night of 5 July.

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On 4 July, the Bergen-Prora road was blocked immediately in front of Prora. The Lietzow-Binz railroad line was also blocked to civilian traffic. About 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns and carbines received field training just east of Lietzow. No heavy weapons were observed. On 4 July, the barracks installation in Prora (2341) on Ruegen Island was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 soldiers. There were no indications of the troops participating in the firing between Juliusruh and Rueschitz. Three trucks entered the installation from the direction of Mukran and 2 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns went to the Thessow peninsula.

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